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FINE METAL PARTICLES AND

FINE METAL OXIDE

PARTICLES IN DRY POWDER FORM, AND USE THEREOF

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of the number of claims, please amend the present application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 19 of this paper.